

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Omaha District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application No: 200340041
Applicant: City of Evanston
Waterway: Bear River
Issue Date: June 16, 2003
Expiration Date: July 15, 2003

30 DAY NOTICE

Wyoming Regulatory Office 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 210 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

**JOINT NOTICE OF PERMIT PENDING
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

The application of the City of Evanston, 1200 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming, 82930, is being considered by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under the authority of the Secretary of the Army. A permit, if issued, will be under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has requested authorization to construct the Bear River Channel Improvements project. The purpose of the project is to improve whitewater boating characteristics in the Bear River in the City of Evanston. The project would also enhance fish habitat at select locations in the river.

The project includes construction of 6 "U" drops, 2 double deflectors, 10 Single deflectors, 1,520 linear feet of stone terracing, and 30 random boulders. All of the structures would be constructed using large rock. The total volume of rock would be 5,721 cubic yards (cy) and the total filled area would be 0.66 acre. Installation of the "U" drops and double deflectors would require excavation of 1,055 cy of riverbed material. Another 2,750 cy of riverbed material would be excavated around the structures to generate additional material for temporary cofferdams. The total area disturbed by excavation activities would be 1.5 acres. Construction of the "U" drops and double deflectors would also require 150 cy of concrete grout that would be pumped into the low flow section under dry conditions by surrounding the construction area with temporary cofferdams. Drawings of the project layout, typical cross-sections, and a summary of quantities are attached.

The project area is located in the Bear River between Interstate 80 and Bear River Drive in Sections 21 and 22, Township 15 North, Range 120 West, Uinta County, Wyoming. Maps showing the project location are also attached.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental affects, and other public interest factors. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the project.

Any person may request, in writing and within the comment period specified, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of gathering additional information. Requests for public hearings must be identified as such and shall state specifically the reasons for holding a public hearing and shall identify what additional information would be obtained. The request must be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wyoming Regulatory Office, 2232 Dell Range Boulevard, Suite 210, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009.

Any interested party (particularly officials of any town, county, state, federal agency, or local association whose interests may be affected by the project) is invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before the expiration date of this notice. Any agency or individual having an objection to the project should specifically identify it as an objection with clear and specific reasons. Comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted, made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in subsequent actions on this application. All replies to the public notice should be mailed to the address listed above. Mr. Thomas Johnson, telephone number (307) 772-2300, may be contacted for additional information.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division, Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, will review the project with an intent to certify in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended. The certification, if issued, will express the state's opinion that the project will not result in a violation of applicable water quality standards. The WDEQ hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference thereto.

The Corps will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. A record search of the National Register of Historic Places and "its current supplements" indicates that there are many historic properties in the City of Evanston, including a bridge over the Bear River in or near the permit area. All of the proposed construction activities will occur within the channel of the Bear River and no bridges would be affected. Therefore, the proposed action will have no adverse effect on historic properties. However, the Corps will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice, and may require a reconnaissance of the permit area to check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

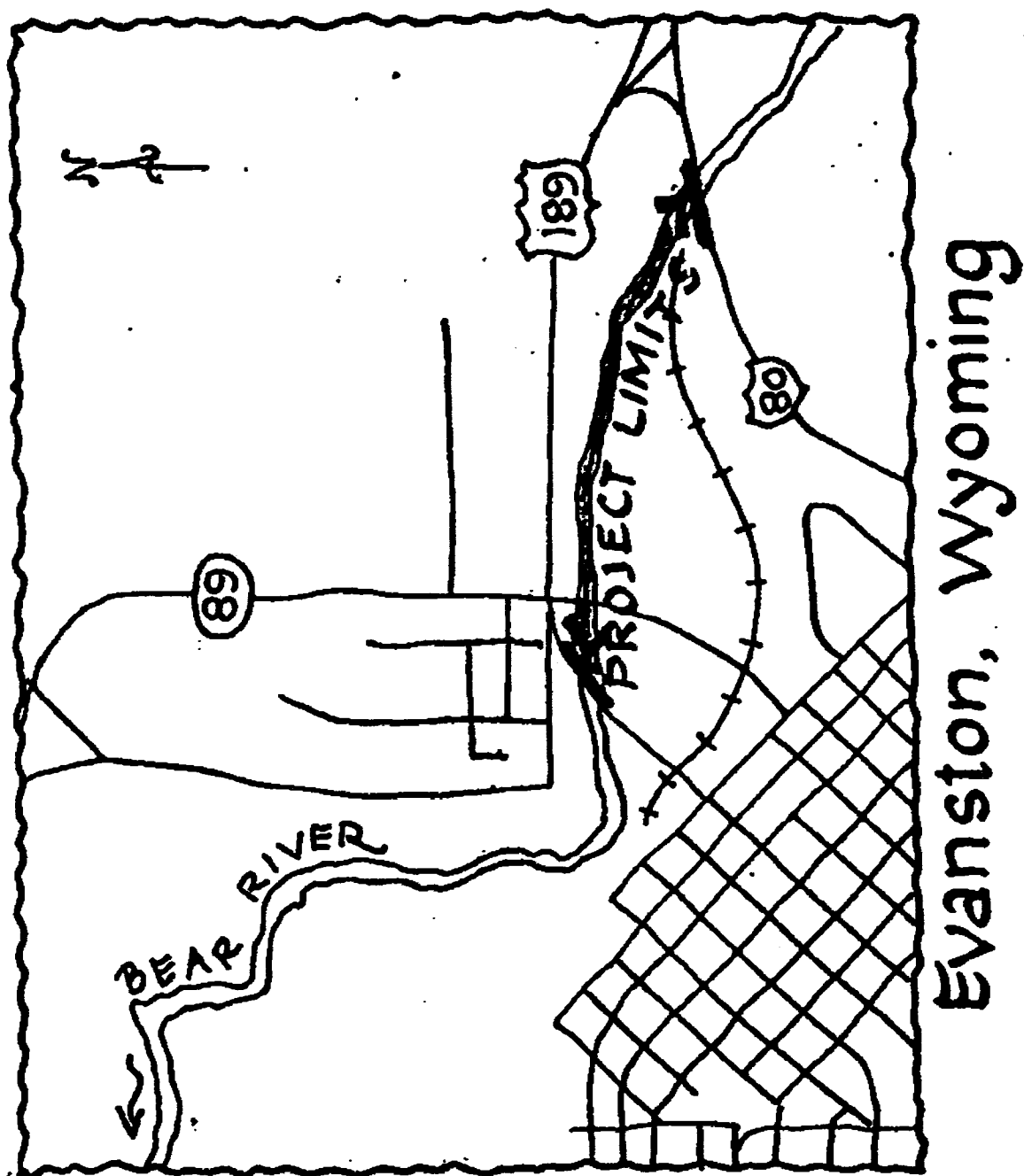
The Corps will comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973. A preliminary review indicates that the proposed action will have no effect on species, or critical habitat, designated as threatened or endangered.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the project on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife, flood plains, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, and considerations of property ownership. In addition, the evaluation will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended (40 C.F.R.; Part 230).

Comments received after the close of business on the expiration date of this public notice will not be considered.

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Figure 1b. Location



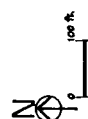


Figure 3. Section and profile view of Boulder V-dam

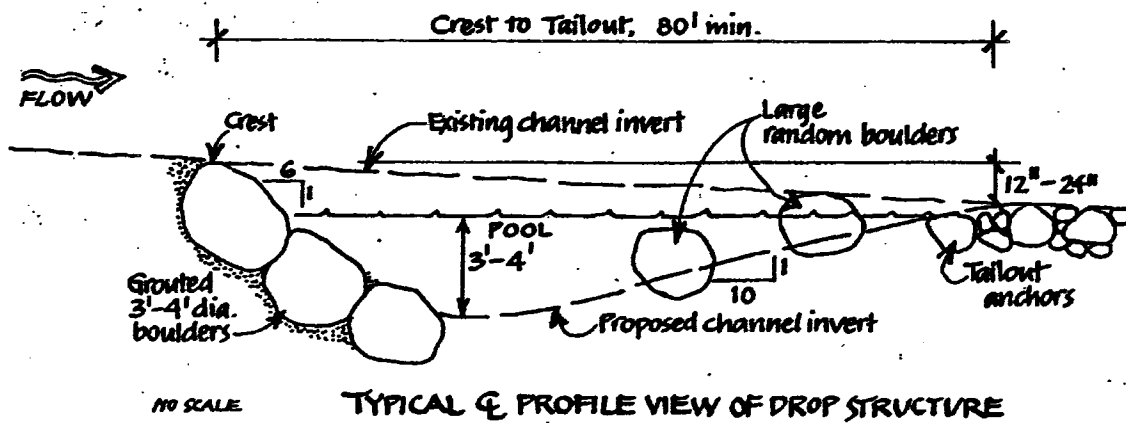
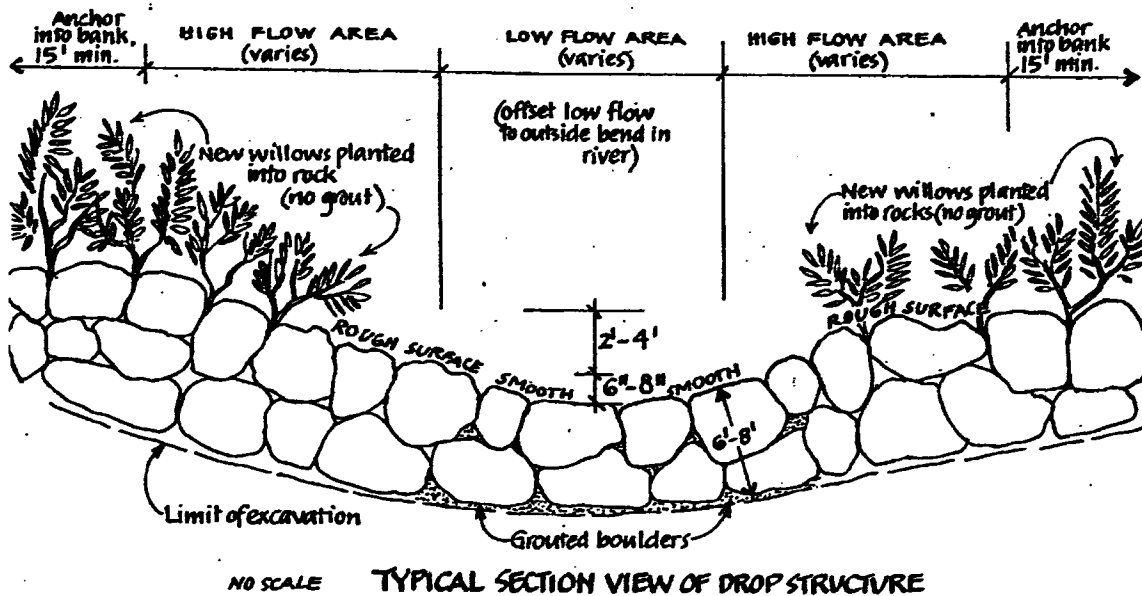
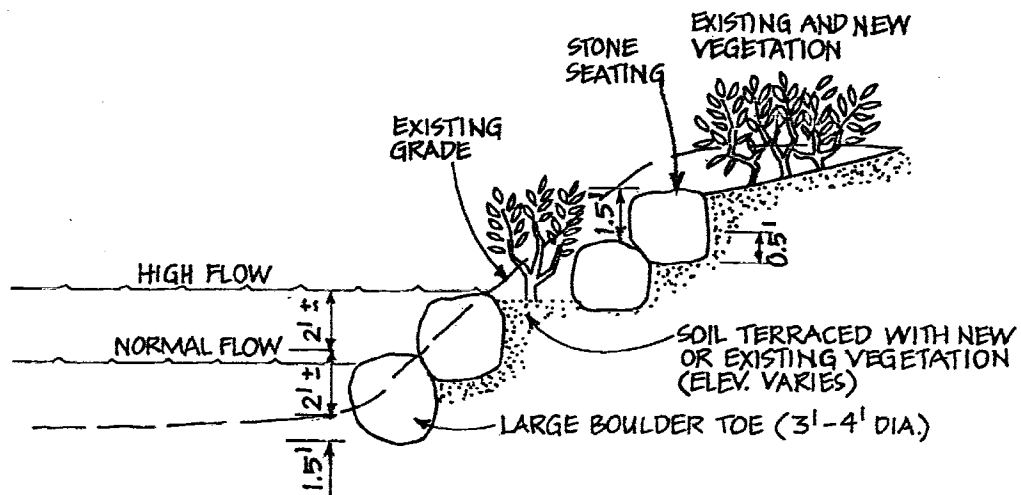


Figure 4. Boulder Edge

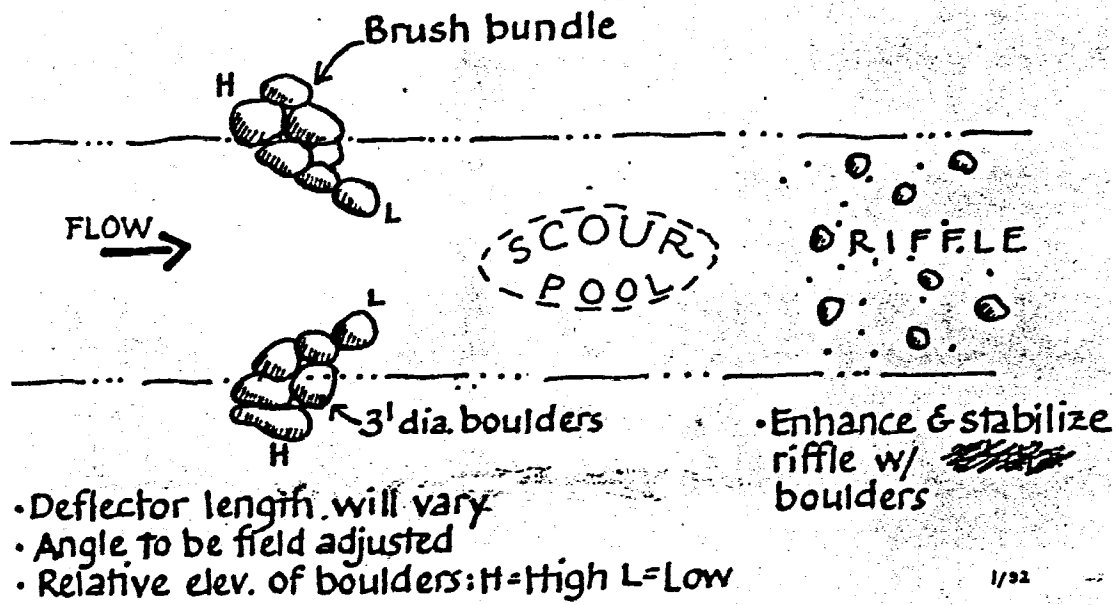


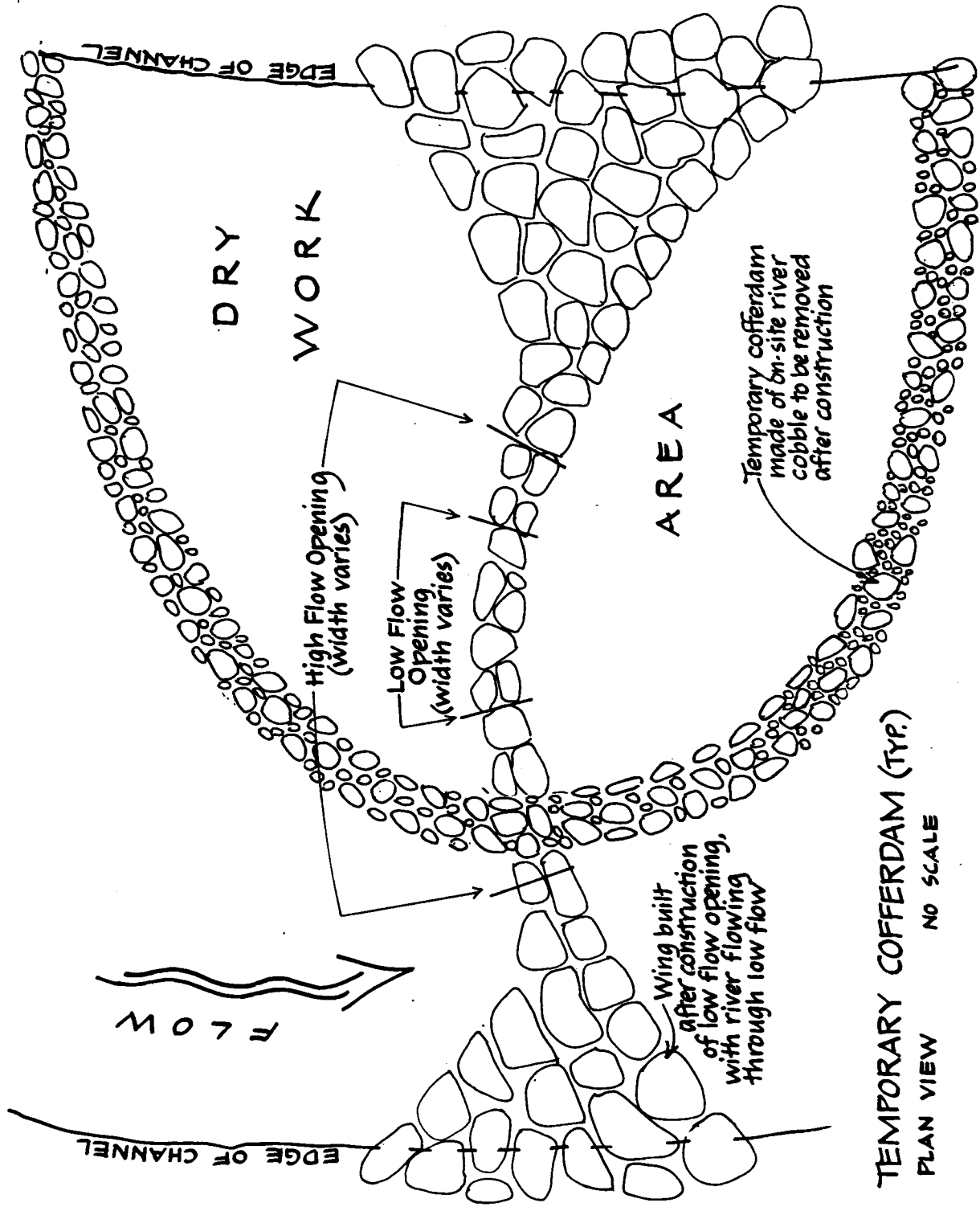
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Figure 5. Plan view of Double/Single Current deflector

Double Current Deflector PLAN VIEW (NTS)





Proposed Bear River Channel Improvements

Map No.	Project Feature	Fill Volume (cubic yards)	Excavation Volume (cubic yards)	Pool Volume (cubic yards)	Grout Volume (cubic yards)	Filled Area (square feet)	Disturbance Area (square feet)
1	"U" Drop	300	56	310	15	1,000	7,500
2	Double Deflector	445	80	310	20	2,100	7,500
3	Single Deflector	180	N/A	N/A	N/A	625	N/A
4	Single Deflector	225	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,875	N/A
5	Single Deflector	245	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,250	N/A
6	Single Deflector	225	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,875	N/A
7	Single Deflector	245	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,250	N/A
8	"U" Drop	595	120	480	25	1,650	10,000
9	"U" Drop	545	110	380	20	2,050	8,000
10	Single Deflector	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	625	N/A
11	Single Deflector	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	400	N/A
12	Single Deflector	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	400	N/A
13	"U" Drop	580	105	460	25	1,650	6,000
14	"U" Drop	300	58	280	15	1,000	4,500
15	Off-Set Double Deflector	550	160	300	20	1,850	8,000
16	"U" Drop	245	46	230	10	1,000	7,500
17	Single Deflector	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	625	N/A
18	Single Deflector	135	N/A	N/A	N/A	625	N/A
	Stone Terracing (1,520 linear ft.)	501	320	N/A	N/A	6,840	6,840
	30 Random Boulders (6-7" dia.)	45	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Quantities		5,721	1,055	2,750	150	28,690	65,840